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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Proposed Agency Information Collection

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice and Request for OMB Review and Comment

SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance a proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The proposed collection will gather opinions of experts in industry and other organizations regarding the impact on the development and diffusion of energy-efficient HVAC, water heating, and appliance technologies of DOE/EERE Building Technologies Office (BTO) investments. Expert opinions are necessary to characterize counterfactual patterns of technology development and diffusion in the absence of DOE investments, and so (by comparing these counterfactuals with actual observations) estimate the difference DOE investments have made. This information is needed by DOE for budget justification and strategic planning. Respondents will include representatives of companies in the HVAC, water heating, and appliance supply chain (including companies that received DOE R&D funding and companies that received no direct funding from DOE), researchers at DOE-funded labs (e.g., ORNL, BNL), participants in DOE-funded consortiums, members of industry associations and standards/code bodies..

DATES: Comments regarding this collection must be received on or before **[INSERT**

DATE 30 DAYS AFTER DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL

REGISTER]. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this notice, please advise the DOE Desk Officer at OMB of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at 202-395-4718. **ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to the

DOE Desk Officer
Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs
Office of Management and Budget
New Executive Office Building
Room 10102, 735 17th Street, NW
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And to
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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Friedrichs,
mark.friedrichs@ee.doe.gov or call 202-586-0124.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This information collection request contains:

(1) OMB No. New; (2) Information Collection Request Title: Surveys/Interviews to Gather Expert Opinion on the Impact of DOE/EERE Building Technologies Office Investments in HVAC, Water-Heating, and Appliance Technologies; (3) Type of Request: New collection.; (4) Purpose: The information collection will characterize counterfactual patterns of technology development and diffusion in the absence of DOE investments, so that by comparing these counterfactuals with actual observations the

impacts of DOE investments can be estimated; this information is needed by DOE for budget justification and strategic planning. Respondents will include representatives of companies in the HVAC, water heating, and appliance supply chain (including companies that received DOE R&D funding and companies that received no direct funding from DOE), researchers at DOE-funded labs (e.g., ORNL, BNL), participants in DOE-funded consortiums, members of industry associations and standards/code bodies; (5) Annual Estimated Number of Respondents: 250; (6) Annual Estimated Number of Total Responses: 250; (7) Annual Estimated Number of Burden Hours: 250; (8) Annual Estimated Reporting and Recordkeeping Cost Burden: 0.

Statutory Authority: DOE Org Act (42 USC 7101, et seq.) and 42 USC 16191 (AMO authority).

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